Route 1 Motorist Alert

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New Jersey Department of Transportation

NJDOT launches Route 1 business advisory group

Transportation Commissioner Tom Downs has invited representatives of more than 100 businesses and agencies along the Route 1 corridor in Mercer and Middlesex Counties to become members of a commuter advisory committee on traffic mitigation.

The group will meet for the first time on November 16 in the Forrestal Center, Princeton. Area employers may call Alexander Brown at 609-530-2110 for more information about this meeting and to join the committee.

"The highway and private developer construction in this corridor will last through the end of the decade," Downs said. "It becomes critical to work together, communicate, coordinate and find alternatives for getting more people through the area in fewer vehicles without undue congestion."

"People traveling to work are our prime customers," Downs said. "We want to ease their commute by providing information to their employers who have the ability to pass bulletins directly to them at the time they most need it — right before they leave the work place."

The Route 1 traffic mitigation effort is viewed as being a model for other similar mitigations, according to Downs. He said that it will be a way to begin meeting the requirements for employer trip reductions that have been mandated for New Jersey by the requirements of the federal Clean Air Act.

Members of the Advisory Committee will hear presentations about the construction under way on Route 1 and the congestion initiatives begun last spring. Participants will be asked to suggest alternatives to one-person cars and volunteer to work with the advisory group.

More than 100 businesses join traffic FAX network

Route 1's two key transportation management associations (TMAs) report that more than 100 companies have joined their "Route 1 Hot Spot" FAX network.

"The more companies become aware of how the FAX network operates, the more they are signing on," said Peter Cantu, executive director of Keep Middlesex Moving (KMM). According to Cantu, his network has 90 corporate subscribers to date.

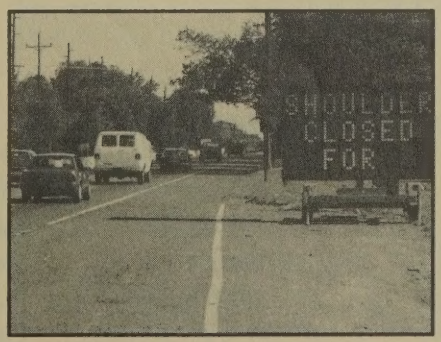
The Route 1 FAX network was initiated by the Route 1 Task Force as a device to get word of traffic problems to employers during the work day so they can relay the news to their work force. In this way, it is hoped that people can alter travel arrangements and plan alternative routes home. The long-term goal is to convert some commuters who drive alone to using buses and trains, car- and vanpools.

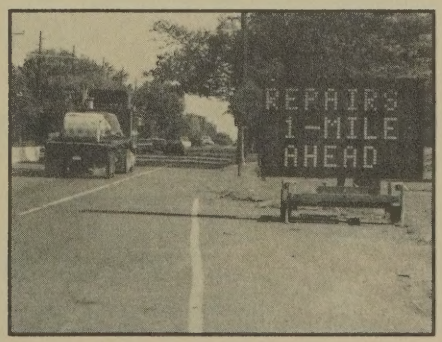
The FAX network is triggered by a report to the TMAs from the Department of Transportation's (NJDOT) traffic operations person as soon as an incident occurs that causes lanes to close or congestion occurs.

Cantu's positive response to the FAX network is mirrored by Nancy Podeszwa, executive director of the Greater Princeton TMA. "We're interested in supporting every communications method to get the word out," she said.

NJDOT also communicates changes in Route 1 travel patterns through daily radio and press contacts, electronic variable message boards and "Motorist Alert" and other highway signs, newsletters and, when necessary, paid newspaper advertisements.

Companies wishing to participate in the Route 1 FAX network may call (in Middlesex County) KMM at 908-745-4465 and (in Mercer County and Montgomery Township in Somerset County) the Greater Princeton TMA at 609-452-1491.





Variable messages and *Motorist Alert* signs have been put into use as a result of Route 1 Task Force suggestions.

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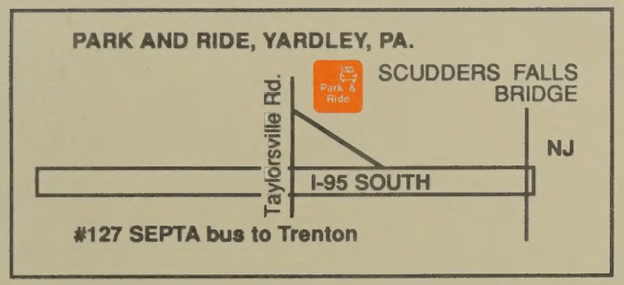

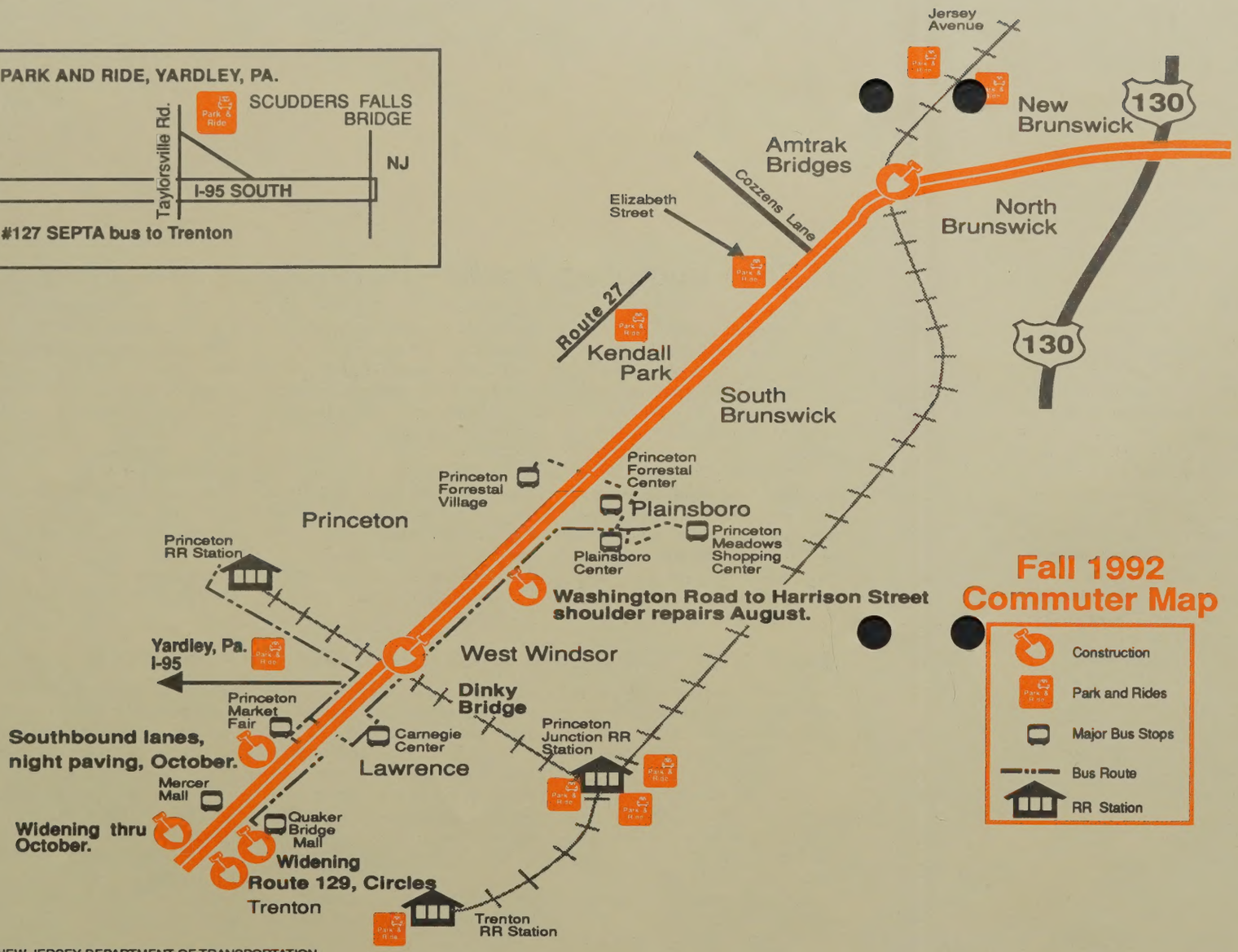

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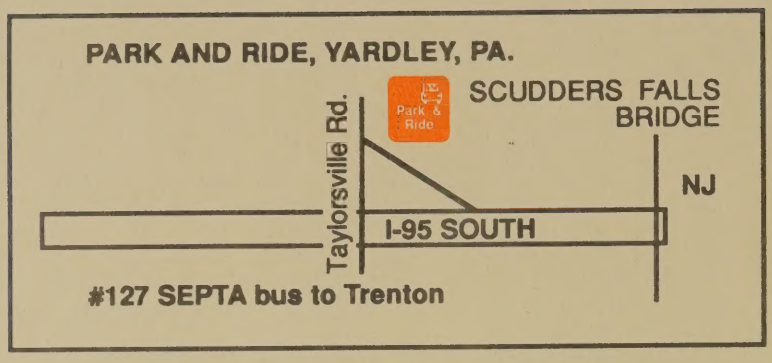

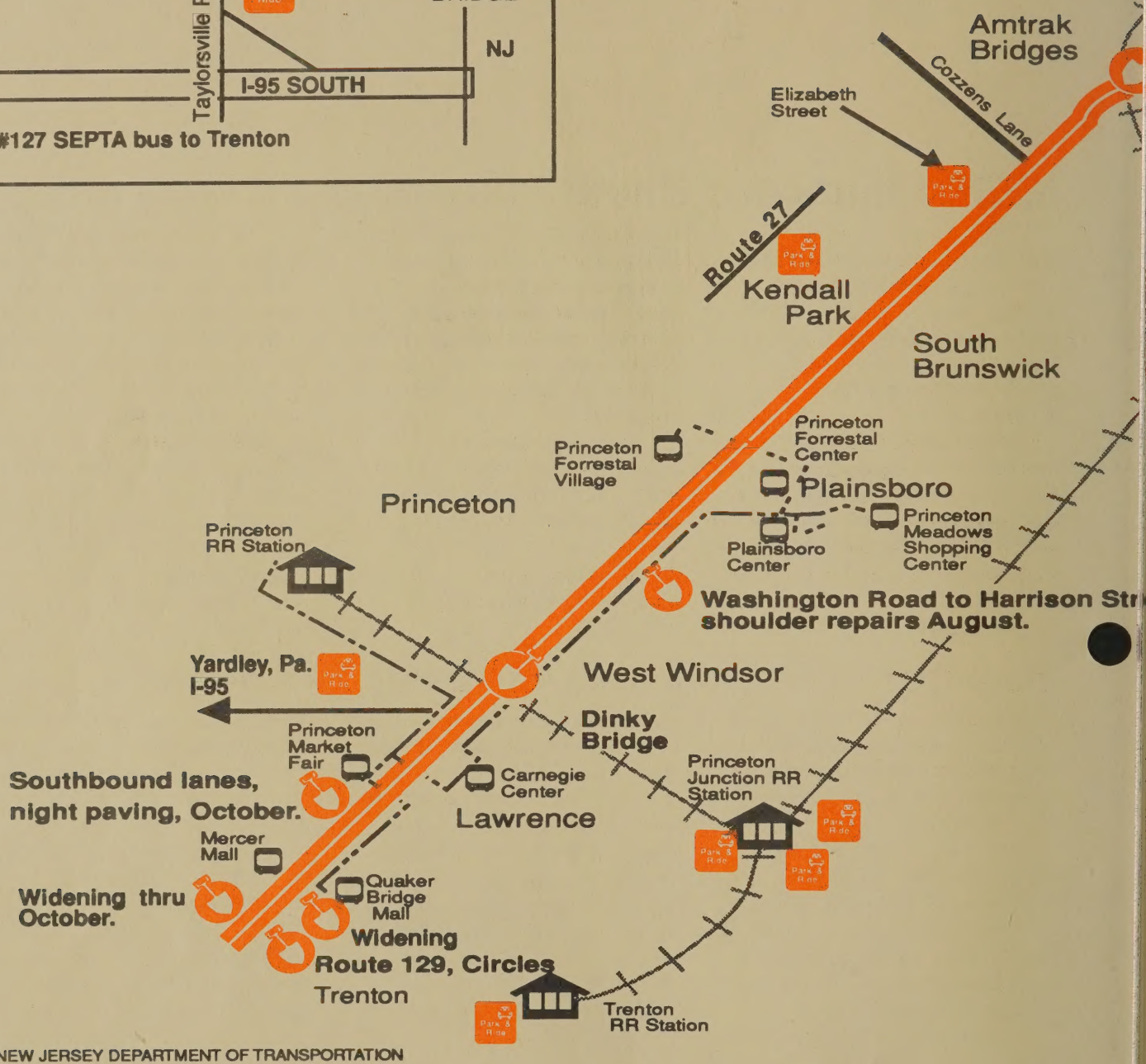

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Construction to continue through 1997

Work is now under way by private contractors DKM and Circuit City in Lawrence Township and by NJDOT in West Windsor and Plainsboro. Later this season, replacement of the Dinky Railroad Bridge in West Windsor and a new bridge over AMTRAK's Northeast Corridor in North Brunswick may also cause delays.

The following projects will start in 1993 or later:

Lawrence Township

• Franklin Corner Road/Bakers Basin Road intersection will be upgraded and Route 1 widened to provide six lanes from Route 1 Alternate to I-295. Construction is expected to begin in **mid-1996** and be completed in late 1997.

• Grovers Mill Road will be extended to Route 1, to provide access to the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and new office building, the signal at DMV will be eliminated and a two-lane exit from southbound Route 1 to northbound I-295 will be provided. Construction is expected to begin in **early 1993** and be completed in late 1993.

The following construction contracts will provide six traffic lanes on Route 1 from I-295 to north of College Road for 7.2 miles:

West Windsor

• Overpasses at Quakerbridge Road (existing), Alexander Road, Scudders Mill Road and College Road (existing). The overall construction will begin **in late 1994** and be completed in late 1997.

• Alexander Road interchange, widening 3.2 miles to six lanes and shoulders from north of Quakerbridge Road to the Dinky Railroad Bridge. Construction is expected to begin in the **summer of 1995** with completion late 1997.

Route 1 traffic at Alexander Road will be shifted to adjacent roadways during construction of the interchange.

The use of the shoulders for rush hour traffic will be suspended during widening and shoulder reconstruction. Lane closures will be permitted between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m.

Plainsboro

• Overpass at Scudders Mill Road, Route 1 widened one mile to six lanes and shoulder from the Millstone River bridge to north of Sayre Drive. Construction is expected to begin **early 1994** with completion by early 1996.

The use of the shoulders during peak hour traffic will be suspended during the construction.

North Brunswick

• The existing intersection will be replaced with an overpass that provides direct connectors between Route 1 and 130. Route 1 will be widened to six lanes through the area. Construction is expected to begin in **mid-1993** and be completed in fall 1996.

The total cost of all of these projects, right of way and construction, is $240 million. The federal government will provide $204 million and the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund, $36 million.

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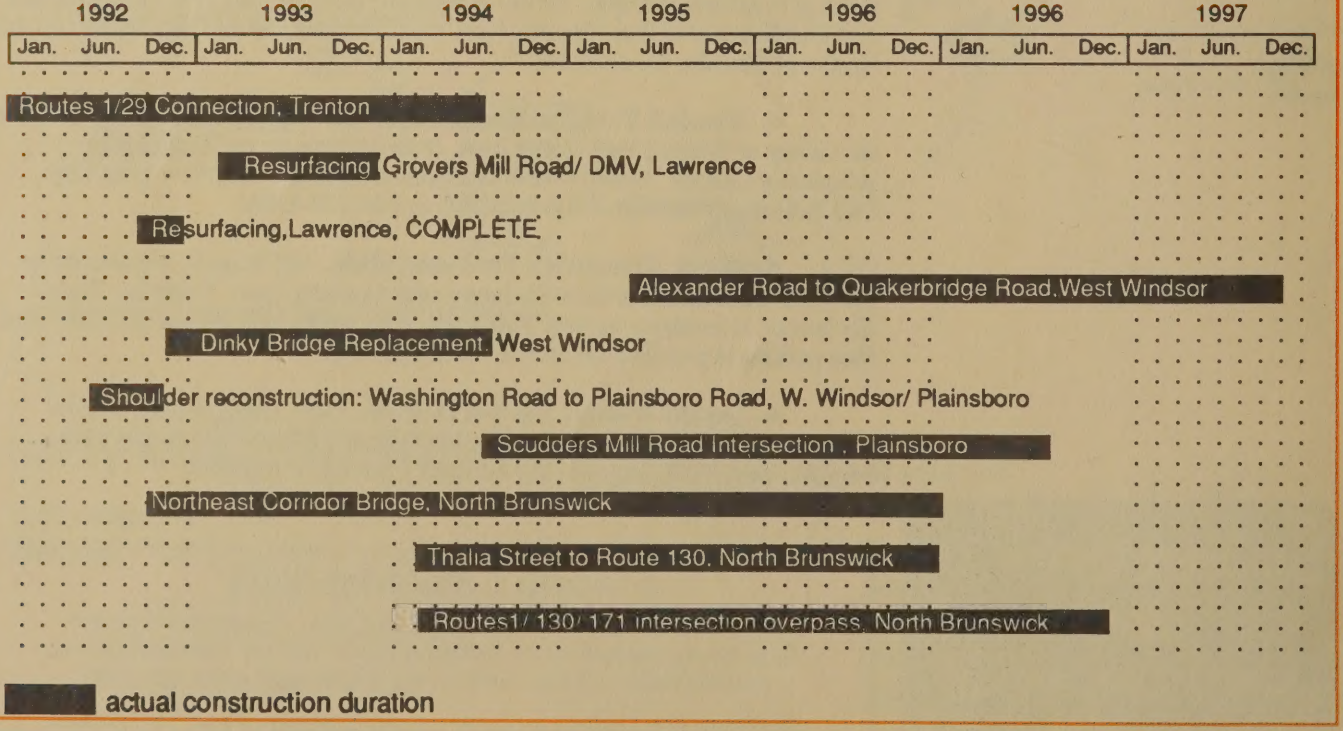
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